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Happy St. Patio's Day?

Luck of the Irish.
This year's St. Patrick's Day in Winnipeg is shaping up to be the warmest one in recent memory

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A high of 17 C this Saturday and no sign of snow on the ground means Winnipeggers have a lot to feel lucky about this St. Patrick's Day.

Organizers of Winnipeg's first ever St. Patrick's Day Parade — set to meet at the Legislative Building at noon — hope the blue skies encourage the green masses to come out.

"We clearly needed a parade," explained Margaret Gannon on why she organized the event.

The parade will leave the Golden Boy at 1 p.m. and convene at Shannon's Irish Pub on Carlton Street after a jaunt through downtown.

Even without St. Patrick's Day and balmy weather to lure thirsty people to his bar, Shannon's owner Gerard Fletcher says Saturdays are always his busiest night.

Like bars across the city Fletcher has his entire staff scheduled to serve green beer 'till the wee hours.

"It's pretty much all hands on deck," he chuckled.

"We know what to expect."

The triad of reasons to celebrate on Saturday doesn't worry Winnipeg police who say revelers know how to keep it festive at big events in the city.

"Just go out and have fun and celebrate," said Const. Natalie Aitken.

"We encourage that, and we've seen some really positive results from that at some of our major events."

Green beer not your thing?

- Have some fun with farmers at Discover Agriculture in the City running at the Forks Friday till Saturday.
- Get into the swing of things at Shooter's Family Golf Centre, which opened their driving range this week.
- Reconnect with you favourite patio — many restaurants and bars dusted off the chairs and lanterns and opened this week.
- Check out Hedley on Saturday night at the MTS Centre.
- Or join Winnipeg Blue Bomber head coach Paul LaPolice in his quest to turn St. Patrick's Day blue in support of his team — and a nod to the fact blue was originally the colour of St. Patrick's Day — by sporting blue instead of green Saturday.

Jared Wakaluk, 26, and his girlfriend, Devan Melong, 21, enjoy their first patio beers of the season on Corydon Thursday. Temperatures are forecast to hit 21 degrees Friday and 17 degrees on Saturday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Cops confirm link in crash, shooting

Weird chain of events. Police connect Wednesday- morning shooting and high-speed crash.

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Winnipeg police have linked a horrific car crash in the West End early Wednesday morning with the shooting in the Weston area just hours earlier.

It started Wednesday morning with gunfire in the Weston area after a man, 22, showed up at a home at 3 a.m. looking for his former girlfriend, 21. He was chased off by two men, 21 and 19, with the 21-year-old pulling a gun and shooting at the 22-year-old, said police.

"These individuals would have been known to one another," said Const. Natalie Aitken. "There was a confrontation … a shotgun was produced and subsequently discharged ... in the direction of the 22-year-old male, narrowly missing him but striking the vehicle."

After police arrested the two men and left the area, the 22-year-old returned, police said, and physically assaulted his ex-girlfriend, then left in a car that he later crashed in a KFC parking lot on Notre Dame Avenue. He was tracked down and arrested.

The 21-year-old woman was taken to hospital in stable condition for injuries to her upper body.

The 22-year-old driver was not hurt in the car accident and police are not releasing his name to protect his former girlfriend's identity, who has a restraining order against him. He's been charged with domestic assault causing bodily harm and a number of driving-related charges.

Daniel James Cote, 21, and Greyson Shilo Ryle, 19, have been charged with numerous weapons discharge charges.

All three have been detained in custody, and police say they have yet to recover the weapon.

An old spire is now a new monument

Remnants of a spire, knocked from Knox United Church by lightning in May 2010, were reused for a plaque celebrating the donors and groups behind a $5.5-million renovation of Central Park, to the north of Portage Place. Unveiling the plaque on Thursday were, from left, Housing and Development Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross, Coun. Justin Swandel (St. Norbert), private donor Deborah Gray and Rev. Bill Millar.

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Kids in care to get chance at university

Josh Heron. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Josh Heron hopes to be one of the first to get a tap on the shoulder.

The University of Winnipeg student was in the audience Thursday morning when U of W president Dr. Lloyd Axworthy and provincial Youth Minister Kevin Chief announced the Youth In Care Tuition Waiver pilot program.

"Growing up in care, I know a lot of kids who haven't been able to go to university. They've had to leave high school to go work," said Heron, 20.

"I see kids who've had the ability who just haven't been able to (study)… There's lots of kids in care who want to go to university to show that they have succeeded."

The pilot program, first of its kind in Canada and slated to start this coming September, will kick off with 10 students whose tuition, housing, textbooks and meal plans will be covered until age 21 and while they're attending the U of W.

The stats for kids in care are stark: of the more than 9,500 children and youth in care in Manitoba, the majority of whom are First Nations and Metis, it is estimated that less than five per cent ever pursue a post-secondary education.

Heron said the financial support this new pilot program promises would lessen the stress of having to come up with the money or applying for student loans every year.

Chief said beyond the financial support, many teens in care just need "a tap on the shoulder to say that university is for you."

"We are now better prepared to give that tap on the shoulder," said Chief. "We see their potential."

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Mobile news

Skydiving daredevil Felix Baumgartner successfully lifted off a helium balloon for a test jump as he prepares to set a world record for the highest jump this summer. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

What men and fruit flies have in common

Wonder why some men hit the bottle after striking out? Seems they're not alone. Sex-deprived fruit flies also find solace in booze, according to a new study. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Stab wounds

Arrest made in city's sixth homicide

Belinda McKay, 38, was found dead in an apartment in the 400 block of Edmonton Street by a security guard, who called police to the suite around 7:50 p.m. Friday.

Police said McKay was found with stab wounds to her upper body after an argument. Police said a child was also found in the apartment but was physically unharmed. McKay had a son who was in Winnipeg to receive medical treatment.

On March 14, police located a man, 27, in West Kildonan.

Lenny John Keam, 27, was arrested and charged with second degree murder.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Talk-show tiff

Mayor's comments angers shelter CEO

A comment made by the mayor on a local radio talk show has started a war of words between him and a women's shelter.

The shelter, Osborne House, has asked the city for funds it claims are necessary to keep it from turning people away.

"They came to the city looking for half a million dollars," Mayor Katz told radio station CJOB. "Trying to do something like that at the last minute is not the easiest thing to accomplish. These things don't happen overnight."

"Five months is not last-minute," said Osborne House CEO Barbara Judt. "It's not last-minute in my world."

Within Judt's grant proposal, which was submitted to the city's executive policy committee Tuesday, was a letter from the city's CFO dated Nov. 14, 2011.

In the letter, the CFO acknowledged receiving a letter on Oct. 12, 2011, from Judt requesting funding. He advised her to contact the city clerk's office if she wished to make a presentation to the committee's preliminary operating-budget meeting in early 2012, which she did. The mayor was copied on that letter.

"I'm disappointed in (his) response (to the media). I was quite shocked to hear that. That's not what happened," said Judt.

Calls to the mayor's office were not returned by press time.

SVJETLANA MLINAREVIC/FOR METRO

Stobbe ends his testimony

Remark. 'I did not murder my wife' Mark Stobbe said flatly under questioning from the Crown

Five days of cross-examination are over for Mark Stobbe, a former political adviser accused of killing his wife.

Stobbe ended his testimony by calmly and repeatedly rejecting accusations from the Crown that he beat Beverly Rowbotham to death, drove her body to a remote location and bicycled back home to report her missing.

"I did not murder my wife," Mark Stobbe said flatly under questioning by Crown attorney Wendy Dawson. "I did not put her in the Crown Victoria. I did not drive the Crown Victoria out of the garage with her in it."

Stobbe is accused of attacking Beverly Rowbotham in October 2000, then driving 15 kilometres away to dump her body before bicycling back to their house in St. Andrews.

Stobbe has said he fell asleep while his wife went out for a late-night grocery run and woke up around 2:30 a.m. to find her still gone.

Her body was found several hours later in the family car in a parking lot in Selkirk.

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People sent to hospital after brawl near school

Five people were taken to hospital and police have three males in custody following a brawl in front of Kelvin High School at 1 p.m. Thursday. Police wouldn't confirm media reports the fight was over drugs, or the number of people involved, but did say initial investigations show a knife and a bat may have been used. The school was put into lockdown briefly. Four of the victims were taken to hospital in stable condition and the fifth was transported in unstable condition with upper-body injuries, but was later upgraded to stable condition.

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Fire up your ignition. It's a wide world of wheels in Winnipeg this weekend

Don't be surprised to see empty garages all over Winnipeg this weekend — Piston Ring's World of Wheels has rolled back to town.

The 38th annual gear-head celebration fires up the ignition switch Friday afternoon at the Winnipeg Convention Centre and will carry on until Sunday night.

"There's over a million dollars' worth of automobiles coming," said event publicist Shelley Ostrove earlier in the week.

As well as trucking in some real fancy cars — many of which have never been seen in Winnipeg before — the show will also see homegrown vehicles best compete for top prizes in Manitoba's premier Hot Rod Show.

"What's made the show such a success is the participation from many of the car clubs in Winnipeg," said Ostrove. "There's trophies and prizes up for grabs for a lot of different categories." The show will also feature celebrity appearances by Billy Bretherton from TV's Billy the Exterminator, Deena Nicole from Jersey Shore and James Maslow of Disney's Big Time Rush. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Privacy at risk with phone loss

Violation. Report finds that Ottawa residents are most likely to return lost cellphones — but will still comb through personal apps

If you've ever wondered what would happen if you lost your phone in public, a study conducted by an Ottawa-based security researcher suggests there's one thing you can almost surely count on — a complete violation of your privacy.

And the odds of getting your phone back are basically a coin toss, according to the report by Scott Wright of Security Perspectives Inc., and the security software company Symantec.

Wright "accidentally" dropped 10 cellphones throughout his hometown and four major U.S. cities as part of his experiment. Each phone was left unlocked and the "owner's" contact information was easily accessible.

Of the 50 phones he left in Los Angeles, New York, Ottawa, San Francisco and Washington D.C., only 25 were picked up by someone who made an attempt to return the device.

Wright was watching remotely as 96 per cent of the "lost" smartphones were accessed, as the finders poked through apps labelled with names such as online banking, webmail, corporate email and private pix.

More phones were returned in Ottawa than anywhere else. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Findings

- Overall, 89 per cent of the 50 phones had personal apps accessed.
- The photo app was tried most frequently, with 72 per cent of the time.

Kate shows her sporty side at Olympic Park

Kate Walsh, captain of Great Britain's national women's field-hockey team, watches Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, take a shot at the Riverside Arena in the Olympic Park on Thursday in London, England. Catherine viewed the Olympic park and met members of the men's and women's Olympic teams. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Federal budget

Feds to chop defence budget

The coming March 29 budget is expected to see $19.8 billion set aside for the military, a seven per cent decrease compared with last year's defence spending plan, according to preliminary federal estimates.

And those forecasts do not reflect the five or 10 per cent reductions the Conservatives have asked all federal departments to deliver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online surveillance

Activists threaten minister over bill

House of Commons technicians went on alert after online threats were made against Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.

They even checked to ensure the videos weren't coming from Parliament Hill.

The activist collective Anonymous claimed responsibility for a series of videos posted online last month digging into Toews' personal life and promising further attacks if he didn't kill a recently introduced online surveillance bill.

The bill has riled critics who fear it's far too intrusive and has inspired a number of online campaigns aimed at Toews as a result. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veterinary care

Pets to feel pain of drug shortage

Veterinarians say sick pets may soon feel the pain of the drug shortage that has already affected some of their owners.

Animals use many of the same pain-relieving drugs used in human medicine and vets across the country say the current shortage will soon impact them.

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association has already told vets to start looking for alternative drugs.

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Coke's Arctic-research campaign meeting goals

A mom and her cub take a break near Churchill, Man., in November 2011.
ELISHA DACEY/METRO ZZH

While the design of the can may have caused a bit of a backlash, Arctic research is the winner.

About six months ago Coca-Cola launched a campaign called Arctic Home with the goal of raising a total of $4 million for Arctic research — $2 million over four years from Coke, $1 million from North Americans and $1 million more from Coke in matching donations.

The campaign's first phase ended Thursday, and consumers have responded, said Coke spokesperson Dave Moran.

"Has it been the most successful … campaign we've ever done? Yes," said Moran.

Moran didn't have the final numbers, but said as of last week the campaign was close to reaching its goal. "And keep in mind, this is only the first year (of a five-year campaign)," he said.

Geoff York, polar bear biologist with World Wildlife Fund's Global Arctic program, said the money means more research in remote northern areas. It also means more community outreach with the Inuit and other local municipalities that either own or steward the land.

It's unknown how many polar bears live in the extreme northern reaches.

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Backlash

- **The original design of the can, silver with white polar bears, caused customers to complain it looked too similar to the Diet Coke can.** It was changed to a red can with white polar bears.

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More than $4K raised

Beauty queen goes bald

The Miss Alaska pageant requires contestants to perform a public service project, and under Debbe Ebben's silver tiara is evidence of hers.

She has raised more than $4,000 for children's cancer research, and last weekend she delivered on a promise to people who pledged by allowing her hair to be buzzed off.

She's proud of raising money, but she says the underlying message is for children who lose their hair because of cancer treatments.

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Til the earless bunny, shown at two weeks old, had his 15 minutes of fame brought to an abrupt end on Wednesday. UWE MEINHOLD/DAPD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Misstep spells end for celebrity bunny

Untimely demise. Germany's rare earless bunny meets a tragic end after being accidentally squashed by a TV cameraman

An earless baby bunny that was a rising star on Germany's celebrity animal scene had his 15 minutes of fame brought to an abrupt end when he was accidentally stepped on by a television cameraman.

The fate of 17-day-old Til, a bunny with a genetic defect, was plastered across German newspapers on Thursday, the same day a small zoo in Saxony was to have presented him to the world at a press conference.

The cameraman told Bild newspaper he hadn't seen Til, who had buried himself in hay, when he took the fateful step backward Wednesday.

Zoo director Uwe Dempewolf tells Spiegel magazine Til didn't suffer: "It was a direct hit."

Germany has been home to several global animal celebrities in recent years, including polar bear Knut and Paul the prognosticating octopus.

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Abrupt end

"It was a direct hit."

Zoo director Uwe Dempewolf

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Housing's hot

Home sales up in February

An early bout of spring weather helped Canadian home sales pick up in February. The Canadian Real Estate Association said Thursday home sales rose 1.4 per cent from the prior month in February, gaining back one-third of the monthly decline in activity between December and January. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadian home sales are on the rise.
STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Credit crunch

Household debt on the rise

Statistics Canada reported Thursday that household credit market debt, which includes credit cards, mortgages and loans, rose in the fourth quarter, even as borrowing slowed.

"At 150.6 per cent, household indebtedness remains excessive," said TD economist Diana Petramala. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Social media. U.S. considers laws governing digital estates after death

When Karen Williams' son died in a motorcycle crash, the U.S. woman turned to his Facebook account in hopes of learning more about him.

Williams found his password and emailed the company, asking administrators to maintain 22-year-old Loren Williams' account so she could look through his posts and comments by his friends. But within two hours, she said, Facebook changed the password, blocking her efforts.

Now lawmakers and attorneys in at least two U.S. states are considering proposals that would require Facebook and other social networks to grant access to loved ones when a family member dies, essentially making the site contents part of a person's digital estate.

The issue is increasingly important as people record more online and more disputes break out over that material.

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Karen Williams holds a newspaper clipping about her son Loren Williams at her home in Beaverton, Ore. When Loren died, the Oregon mother wanted access to her son's Facebook account. RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tablet mania. Sales begin Friday for latest version of Apple's iPad

The customary storefront crowds are expected to gather as Apple's latest iPad goes on sale Friday. Long lines are likely even though customers could have ordered the new tablet computer ahead of time for first-day home delivery.

The third version of Apple's iPad will be available in Canada, the U.S. and nine other countries beginning at 8 a.m. local time.

The new model comes with a faster processor and a much sharper screen. It also boasts an improved camera, similar to that of the latest iPhone.

For many customers, visiting a store in person, instead of having one shipped, offers consumers a chance to mingle with die-hard Apple fans.

Two years after the debut of the first iPad, the device's launch has become the second-biggest "gadget event" of the year, after the annual iPhone release.

A year ago, thousands lined up outside the flagship Appstore on New York's Fifth Avenue. The device sold out on launch day, even though it didn't go on sale until 5 p.m.

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Ryo Takahashi waits to buy a new iPad at an Apple store in Tokyo.
SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stock soars

Apple's stock touched $600 for the first time on Thursday, the day before the company's latest iPad goes on sale.

- The stock reached $600.01 just after the market opened and was up $3.76 at $593.34 after the half-hour of trading.
- Apple is the world's most valuable company, with a market capitalization of nearly $555 billion.
- It topped $500 billion for the first time in late February, a market value peak where few companies have ventured.

Rural wireless coverage due to improve

Rural Canadians will have better cellphone reception — eventually.
EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadians living in rural areas will have better cellphone reception once a federal auction of radio waves takes place, but telecom analysts say it could take years before the improved service is launched.

Ottawa has moved to level the wireless playing field by placing limits on the coming wireless spectrum auction and lifting foreign-investment limits on small telecom firms in an effort to boost competition.

Companies that are using two blocks of spectrum - radio waves over which cellphone networks travel - will have to provide wireless services to 90 per cent of their coverage areas within five years, and to 97 per cent of their coverage areas within seven years.

Antenna tower-sharing and roaming policies will also be changed, and a certain portion of the spectrum will also be set aside for public-safety services such as firefighters and police.

The caps will limit how much spectrum each company can bid for. The changes to the auction rules will let at least four companies obtain spectrum in each of Canada's 14 licence areas.

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JANN ARDEN GETS SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

THE LIST
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1 Jann Arden kicked off train: The singer tweeted her anger via @jannarden to VIA Rail after they asked her to disembark for having her dog Midi with her in a carrier (which is against VIA's rules). Some agreed with Arden and thought she was being a Good Mother; others said she was being Insensitive to those with allergies. It's a doggone world.

2 Bachelor finale: Winemaker Ben did what every female on the face of the planet didn't want him to do on the finale — pick evil Courtney over girl-next-door Lindzi. Now you know what it's like, ladies, when you pick the "bad boys" to date over the nice ones. Oh, right, you marry them. Ask my wife. (I'm nice now. She converted me.)

3 Manteresting.com: It's the alpha-male version of the enormously successful online social-media site Pinterest, and goes by the tagline "Interesting. Man. Things." So far it's a lot of pics of chicks in bikinis, professional athletes, gadgets and BBQ stuff. In other words, the ultimate mancave bookmarking site.

4 Robert Herjavec: CBC's Dragons' Den is losing one of its star dragons, as the affable Herjavec has decided not to return next season after six years with the show. The search for a new dragon is underway. I once invested 50 cents in a lemonade stand in Grade 2 and it turned a $5 profit in one day. Perfect candidate.

5 Biebernapping: A life-sized cutout of the Biebs was "kidnapped" at a Booster Juice in Winnipeg, a place Bieber visited last year. The owner is offering a $25 Booster Juice ,gift card as a reward for whoever returns it undamaged. I don't know what's worse — that the life-size cutout was stolen, or that this actually made the news.

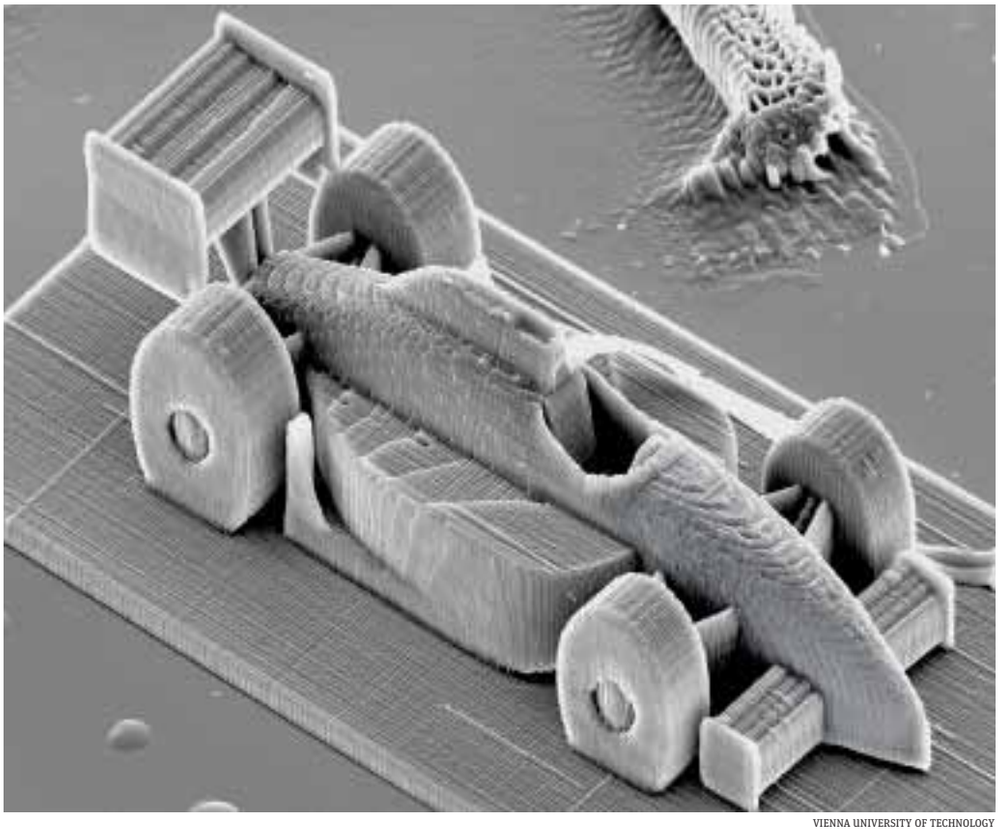
6 House-party-gone-viral a bust: Calgary high school student Hunter Mills tweeted about his buddy Kris Morrey's upcoming party using the hashtag #project-kris, a play on the film Project X, which features a huge house party. The tweet went viral, trending around the globe. Mills wisely chose a new location for the weekend party, a night club. So there was no Animal House. And Morrey is not grounded forever.

7 @rentagrandmacom: It sounds like a parody account but it's actually the Twitter handle for Rentagrandma.com, a U.S. service that allows you to hire a grandma to babysit your kids instead of a teenager. Child care is vital to Mom and Dad when they're out on date night, and who's more responsbile than a Grandma, right? Grandpa better not show up and raid the liquor cabinet, though.

8 Chris Kaman's Bobcat: The NBA centre for the New Orleans Hornets tweeted "Guess who we r playing tonight?!" with a picture of him holding a dead bobcat in his driveway this week before a game against the Charlotte Bobcats. Two things Kaman has since heard: One, that's some mighty weird trash talk, and, two, your Hornets went out and lost to the Bobcats.

They say nice guys finish last. Perhaps it applies to girls, too? HANDOUT

As small as a piece of sand



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Auto printing

3-D car breaks speed record

VIENNA. This race car is both small and fast — well, at least in how it's made.

This is a replica — the size of a grain of sand — made using a high-precision 3-D printer at Vienna University of Technology. Researchers claim this printer is the fastest yet to use the "two-photon lithography" printing technique. **MWN**

Technology

"Until now, this technique used to be quite slow. Printing used to be measured in millimetres per second — our device can do five metres in one second."

Prof. Jürgen Stampfl
Institute of Materials Science,
Vienna University of Technology

Laser

Two-photon lithography 101

TECHNIQUE. This new device prints liquid resin that hardens when it's hit with two photons from a laser beam.

Constantly moving mirrors guide the beam to the right spot while the printer operates. The results are a high resolution of solid polymer, hundreds of nanometres in size, but with intricately structured sculptures. **MWN**

240 seconds

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Nanometres is the length of this race-car model — this is approximately 1/1,000 the width of a human hair. Due to the fast guiding of the laser, the race car's 100 layers, consisting of roughly 200 single lines each, are made in four minutes.

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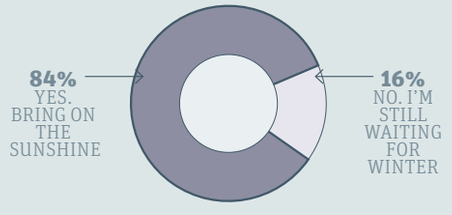

Twitter

@Colin_Lougheed: Ryan Gosling in #Winnipeg! He was spotted shirtless in a freak rain-storm with a basket of puppies, offering to brush my girlfriend's hair.

@accordingtomio: Dear Ryan Gosling: I am single and very available. Also ready and willing. Just saying. Putting it out there.

@bensigurdson: Rumour has it Andrew Swan and Ryan Gosling have never been seen in the same place. Just saying.

@Jessolido: Make this happen, Twitter: If Ryan Gosling is in Winnipeg he should go to the Richardson Bldg at lunch - There's a Dr. Pepper in it for him

@zenbecca: Is it possible that the Ryan Gosling rumours were started by an over-enthusiastic birdwatcher? The geese are back! #winnipeg #spring

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Ed Helms is part of the stellar cast that makes up Jeff, Who Lives at Home. HANDOUT

Fun film isn't slacking

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Jeff, Who Lives at Home. Duplass Brothers product has an indie sensibility

Richard: Mark, I'm not sure how to describe this movie. It's sort of a comedy, kind of a drama and a bit of a character study and yet it isn't really any of those things. The Duplass Brothers, best known for the indie films, have mixed and matched tones and come up with something that is likeable despite the strange premise and characters.

Mark: It's not quite a comedy, but it's so likeable that it feels like one. The movie is small, and short, and has the charms of a shaggy-dog tale. What the movie really has going for it is its casting. All four leads — Jason Segel, Ed Helms, Judy Greer, and Susan Sarandon, do stellar, unglamorous work, and I can't imagine the movie without them. I thought the movie might be 80 minutes of slacker jokes, but it has something more on its mind — something at once more everyday and more cosmic.

RC: It is deeply connected to its characters and the relationships that bind them and for me that is the thing that really sells the movie. Most of the characters are edgy — except for Susan Sarandon's world-weary single mom and her free spirited co-worker played by Rae Dawn Chong — but because there's no cynicism here they become real people that you care about. Quite a feat in 85 minutes.

MB: I also liked the way that some details that seem irrelevant in the first part of the film actually play out by its finish — at first I thought these details were random time-killers, but by the end, they all add to the film's closure. But Richard, with all of the movie's modesty, fragility and scale, did you not feel that if the film's location were moved from Baton Rouge to Regina, we could have been watching a Canadian film?

RC: It exists at the intersection of indie and mainstream film, which I believe is located in Vancouver these days, nicely blending the DIY sensibility of the directors with the appeal of the A-listy cast. We specialize in making small, character-driven movies and that's exactly what this one is. What it has, that Canadian films don't is the marketing push of Paramount behind it.

MB: Yes, it seemed an odd film to open wide, but somebody really believes in it, and that's nice to see. Nice is a good word for this film. It's not going to rock anyone's world, but it's a tasty little truffle in the banquet of cinema.

Synopsis

Thirty-something unemployed slacker Jeff (Jason Segel) still lives in his mother's (Susan Sarandon) basement. His worldview is formed by the enormous amount of drugs he smokes and the M. Night Shyamalan movie Signs. To him nothing is random; everything is a sign. When his mom sends him on an errand a series of "omens" find him chasing after a stranger named Kevin and becoming involved in his brother's (Ed Helms) marriage.

- Richard ●●●○○
- Mark ●●●○○

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Eastwood comes to TV

Clint Eastwood's family is coming to TV in a new reality show. The E! network said Tuesday that Mrs. Eastwood & Company will premiere May 20 as a 10-episode series. The show spotlights Dina Eastwood, who has been married to the Oscar-winning actor-director since 1996. Also on hand are the Eastwoods' 15-year-old daughter, Morgan, as well as 18-year-old Francesca, Clint Eastwood's daughter with actress Frances Fisher.
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Comedy

21 Jump Street

Directors. Phil Lord, Chris Miller

Stars. Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum

The big-screen comic adaptation of '80s TV hit 21 Jump Street is anything but consistent. But oddly enough, it still sort of works. Led by Superbad-star Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum, this adventure of two bumbling cops reliving high school as undercover narcs combines slapstick with shootouts in what amounts to one extravagant but groundless gagfest. 21 Jump Street's laughs play broad and immodestly bold and it's forgettable fun.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

Friends with Kids

Directors. Jennifer Westfeldt

Stars. Jennifer Westfeldt, Adam Scott, Maya Rudolph

In Friends with Kids, a platonic couple are forced to examine the true nature of their relationship after they decide to have a child with no strings attached. The premise sounds familiar but Friends with Kids takes a tired idea in a tired genre and breathes some new life into it. Writer /director/star Jennifer Westfeldt has assembled a great cast , but as charming as they make the first hour, the film suffers from a predictable ending.

RICHARD CROUSE

Quoted

"I think one year we went to something like seven or eight one-year-old birthday parties where we were just like, 'Oh my god, I have nothing in common with any of these people...

"That was kind of a weird realization. And then we went to two-year-old birthday parties and three-year-old birthday parties and you kind of kept seeing fewer and fewer people that you knew at these parties because everybody kind of grouped off into school friends or kid friends or whatever.... By the time they turn five you're like, 'I don't know anybody at this party. I don't know any of these people. What happened?"

John Hamm, actor
Friends With Kids' star about he and his wife Jennifer Westfeldt — who writes, directs, produces and stars in the indie dramedy — watching their social circle break apart as friends began to have children.
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Roots, Rock, Reggae on display

Festival. From Bob Marley to Big Star, '70s music playing again in varied SXSW documentaries

Director Kevin Macdonald, left, and Ziggy Marley discuss the new documentary film Marley, at SXSW this week. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whether reggae, soft rock, hardcore punk or power pop, the music of the '70s is playing again at South By Southwest.

Several of the many music documentaries at this year's SXSW revisit acts from the decade, a time often skipped over in pop culture history. But for that same reason, the '70s left a number of stories ripe for rediscovery or more thorough examination.

Put under the documentary lens is the beloved legend Bob Marley (Marley), the forgotten songwriting talent Paul Williams (Paul Williams Still Alive), the cult band that proved curiously resistant to the mainstream Big Star (Big Star: Nothing Can Hurt Me), the radical punk of Bad Brains (Bad Brains: Band in DC) and the curious story of rocker Rodriguez (Search for Sugar Man).

The films are among the highlights of SXSW's robust music documentaries, which essentially make up the connective tissue between the film and music components of the annual Austin festival. Many of them are grouped under their own music documentaries category, 24 Beats Per Second.

Marley, which will be released April 20, takes a linear, biographic approach that takes nearly 2 1/2 hours to tell the life story of Marley through friends and family. It might be called the "roots rock reggae" take on a subject often shrouded in iconography and myth.

"For all these years, I've seen so many things on Bob and I always felt like: 'Who are these people talking about Bob and writing about Bob?"' says Ziggy Marley, the eldest son of the Jamaican legend.

The film is a long in-the-works project authorized by the Marley family (Ziggy is an executive producer) that originally had Martin Scorsese signed up to direct.

Then Jonathan Demme, whose music documentaries include Stop Making Sense and Neil Young: Heart of Gold, came aboard and made a version. He left in 2009 after what he called "profound creative differences."

Director Kevin Macdonald has made a number of documentaries, himself, including 2003's Touching the Void, but it was his fiction film The Last King of Scotland that led him to Marley. While shooting in Uganda, he saw that Marley's popularity reached even to remote African slums.

He hopes that "Marley" is the definitive documentary of the musician, and that it being "authorized" doesn't detract from its clarity.

"You can't worry about that if you're trying to be impartial, if you're trying to be honest," says Macdonald of collaborating with the Marleys.

"In a way we worked together and in another way we didn't. Because I was in London and (Ziggy) lives in L.A. and some of the other family is in Florida and places, we didn't actually see that much of each other while making the film."

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Contest

- This weekend is your last opportunity to cast your vote in Hollywood Suite's The True Movie Lover Video Contest. The contest features movie lovers reenacting their favourite movie moments, mimicking their favourite actors or giving their unique synopsis of their favourite films.
- Among the entries were a reenactment of Ghostbusters, a Princess Bride impression, an interesting take on Groundhog Day, and a fan's version of 2001: A Space Odyssey.
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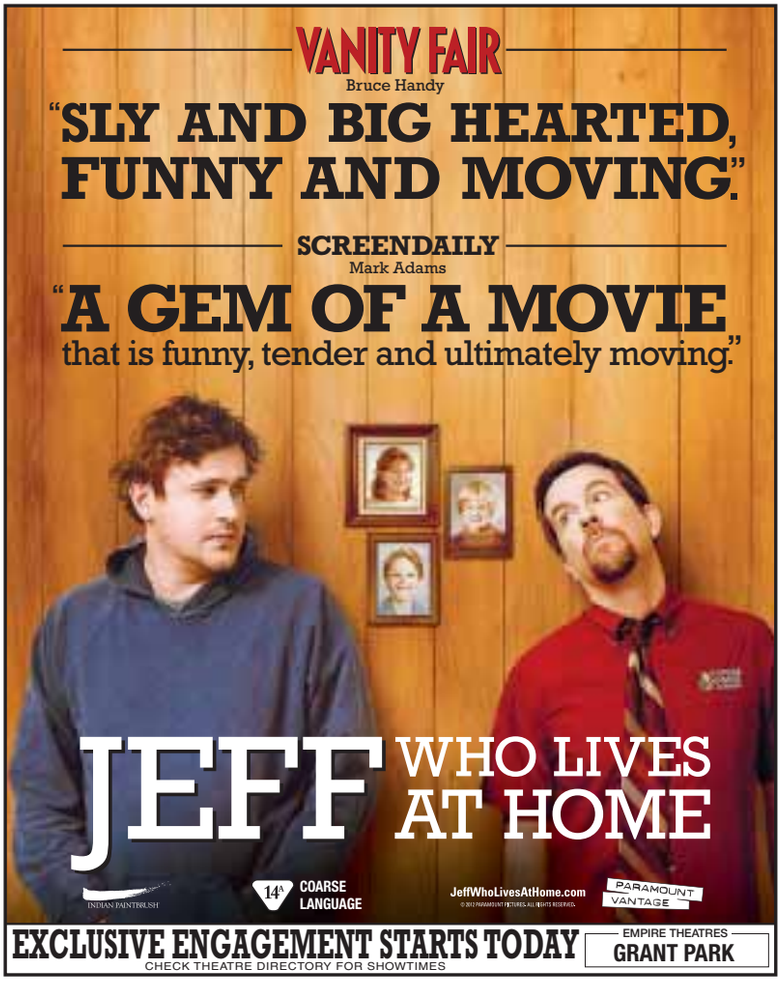

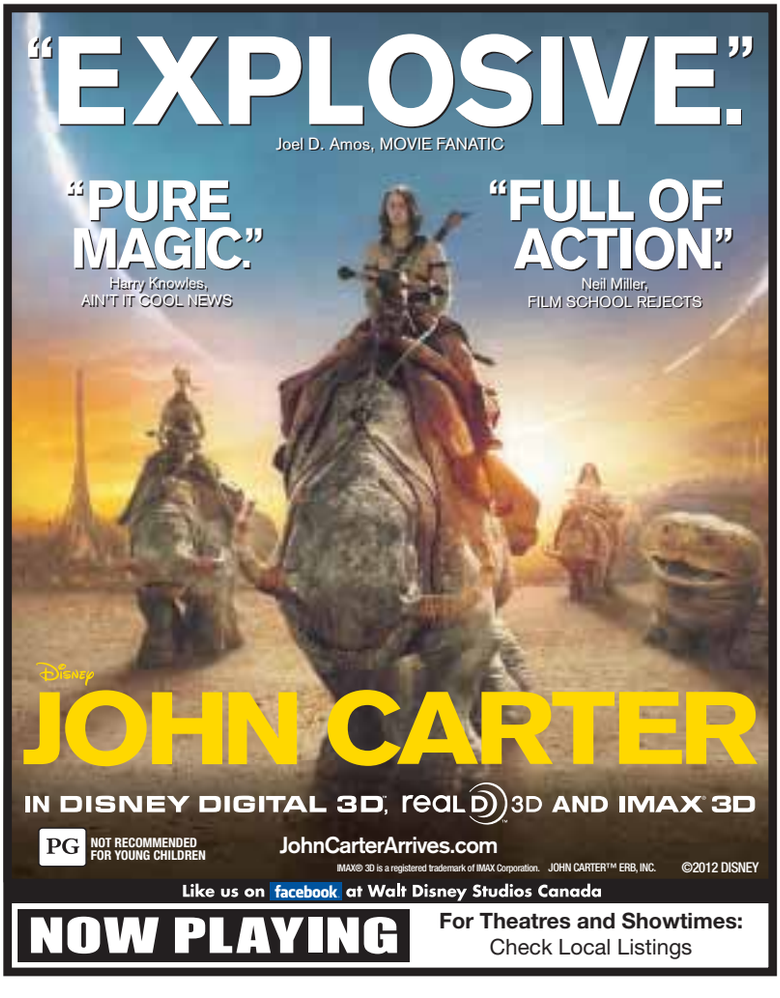
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Stars relish learning hand-to-hand combat

Training. The Hunger Games kids have a list of new skills to add to their resumes

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

The young Tributes of the Hunger Games engage in some elaborate combat during their tournament, which meant more than the usual training for the teenage actors portraying them. And as Jennifer Lawrence had to become proficient with a bow to play archery savant Katniss, each actor had to get to know the weapon of choice of their respective character. "I did a lot of knife-throwing and I actually learned how to throw knives, which was amazing," says Isabelle Fuhrman, who plays menacing District 2 tribute Clove.

The knife-throwing turned out to be something of a revelation for the young actress. "This is going to sound weird, but it's very beautiful, being able to say, 'Yeah, I can throw knives,'" she admits. "It was really hard for me to learn how to do it, and so I definitely want to keep up with it."

Fuhrman got a bit carried away with her new skills, according to co-star Amandla Stenberg. "We'd be like, 'Hey Isabelle, want to have a sleepover?' And she'd [be flipping around a butterfly knife] like, Oh, sure,'" says Stenberg.

While prep involved hand-to-hand combat and sword training for Alexander Ludwig, who plays hulking District 1 tribute Cato, the hardest part was ditching the bulk he packed on for the role. "I'm still trying to go back to my normal size," Ludwig says. "It's way harder to lose weight than to put it on. I have so much more sympathy for fat people."

The Hunger Games kids received plenty of combat training. HANDOUT

Elizabeth Banks. Talks about playing perpetually positive Effie Trinket

It's often more fun to play the bad guy, and while Effie Trinket isn't the baddest of the bad in the Hunger Games, she's certainly not helping. Unrecognizable behind thick makeup and some ridiculous hair and hats, Elizabeth Banks has a field day as Trinket, the plucky villainess prepping her young charges (Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson) for battle.

There's more to Effie than just being a pink-haired villain. As a career woman, she doesn't have the best gig.
No, District 12 is terrible. To me, Effie drank the Kool-Aid. She's on board because she's in the one per cent and she doesn't want to give that up. I think she thinks, "Revolution would be bad. People will die and I might lose my cupcakes." She's not one for change. She likes the status quo. I think she shows up in District 12 disgusted, thinks that it's dirty, wants to go home as fast as possible. I think of PR people and stylists I've worked with who go, "Well, I'll make the best of a bad situation," you know? And I think that's Effie. The main thing about Effie is she's super-selfish. It's all about her. "How does this reflect on me? How's this going to affect my life?" It's great to have a winner in the Games, but it's bad to have a winner who pisses off President Snow.

But she's also thrilled to show off the finer things in life to the kids.
I think Effie's main thing is she's ultimately a very optimistic and effervescent, theatrical person. That's why she has the job that she has, because she's spinning the job she has positively all the time. They're most likely going to die, and she's seen a lot of kids die. So in her mind it's like, "You won a lottery ticket. We're all going to die, but you're going to go out famous, with a big bang!" That's Effie's attitude about these kids. They're almost definitely going to die, she's pretty sure of it. But they just won a ticket to a great reality show.

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Elizabeth Banks is barely recognizable as Effie Trinket. HANDOUT

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Contraband (18A) Fri-Sun 6:10-8:40 Mon 7:50 Tue 6:30-9 Wed-Thu 7:50
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7-9:40 Mon 5:30-8:20 Tue 3:20-6:10-8:50 Wed-Thu 5:30-8:20
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (14A) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon 5:20-8:10 Tue 3:10-6-8:50 Wed-Thu 5:20-8:10
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 4 Sat-Sun 1:30-4 Mon 5:40 Tue 3:50 Wed-Thu 5:40
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (STC) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon 5:20-8:10 Tue 3:10-5:50-8:40 Wed-Thu 5:20-8:10
Underworld: Awakening (18A) Fri-Sun 7:10-9:10 Mon 8:30 Tue 6:10-8:20 Wed-Thu 8:30
We Bought a Zoo (G) Fri 4:10-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:40 Mon 5:30-8:20 Tue 3:20-6-8:40 Wed-Thu 5:30-8:20
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The Vow (STC) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:40-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Wanderlust (14A) Fri-Sun 3:30

Grant Park 8 Cinemas
1120 Grant Ave., 204-453-4084

21 Jump Street (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-7:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30-10:15
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Born to Be Wild 3D (G) Sat-Sun 12:30 Mon 12:15 Tue 10 Wed 1:30
Coral Reef Adventure (STC) Wed 12:15
Cosmic Voyage (STC) Wed 10
Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean (G) Mon 10
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri 10 Sat-Mon 1:30
Hubble 3D (G) Wed 11:15
The Human Body (STC) Tue 11
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat 2:45-7:30 Sun 2:45
Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey (STC) Tue 1:15
Tornado Alley 3D (G) Fri 11:15 Sat 6:15 Tue 12:15 Thu 12:30

Landmark Globe Cinema
393 Portage Ave, 204-943-1583

The Artist (PG) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:40
A Separation (STC) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
We Need to Talk About Kevin (18A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

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301 Notre Dame Avenue, 204-947-2848

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A Thousand Words (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

SilverCity Polo Park
815 St. James Street, 204-774-1001

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A Thousand Words stars Eddie Murphy. HANDOUT

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I Am Bruce Lee (STC) Sat 12:45
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Safe House (14A) Fri 2-4:45-7:25-10:10 Sat 11:15-2-4:45-7:25-10:10 Sun 2-4:45-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:10
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A Thousand Words (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:55-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:35-7:10-9:40
The Vow (STC) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-5:05-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-9:55
William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night (STC) Wed 7
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Eva steps up her girl-friend game and looks after Ryan's dog

Eva Mendes has reportedly been looking for a way to prove to Ryan Gosling that she's serious about their relationship, and she may have found it.

Mendes is taking care of Gosling's dog, George, while the actor is filming in Thailand, according to Us Weekly.

"He was going to have his friends watch George, but changed his mind at the last minute," a source says.

"That's a huge deal to him. He wouldn't leave that dog with just anyone."

Eva Mendes

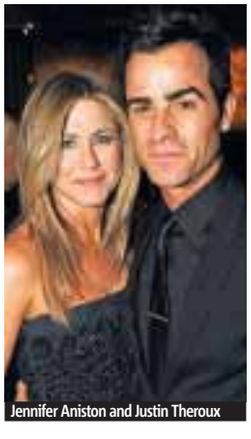
Is Jennifer hiding a l'il baby bump?

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux have reportedly been telling friends that they're ready to start a family, according to Life & Style Weekly.

And if that isn't enough to stoke pregnancy rumors, Aniston was reportedly eschewing booze during some Academy Awards festivities.

"I saw Jen Oscar week, and she couldn't stop smiling," a source says.

"She was actually less lean and less muscular than I had expected her to be — her body looked softer. In the dress she wore, it really did look like she had a baby bump."



Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

American Idol gossip

Jermaine Jones: You're fired!

THE WORD
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Here's the thing: You can get away with a few little white lies on your resumé if you're applying to, say, a remote Applebee's in some god-forsaken strip mall off the Interstate.

But when you are auditioning for one of the most powerful brands in the entire universe, a brand that has billions at their disposal to make sure nothing happens to tarnish their reputation, you should probably be upfront with anything that might come bite you on the butt later.

It seems like American Idol contestant Jermaine Jones didn't get this memo.

The top 12 finalist was disqualified from the show after the powers-that-be learned he'd kept his criminal background under wraps, having four outstanding arrest warrants in his home state of New Jersey and a history of using multiple fake names with cops.

And so executive producers Nigel Lythgoe and Ken Warwick fired him on national TV Wednesday night, Donald Trump style.

However, the drama leading up to the evening (blogs have been buzzing with the Jones news since The Smoking Gun uncovered the news) did nothing to boost the show's ratings.

In fact, it was down five per cent from last week.

Seacrest weighs in:

"With the cooperation of law enforcement, we discovered information that left us with no choice but to eliminate one of our own from the competition. When you're doing a live show, anything can happen."

Ryan Seacrest, Americal Idol host
On the firing of contestant Jermaine Jones

Lindsay 'extremely upset' over alleged hit and run

Lindsay Lohan insists the latest claims that she struck a man with her Porsche and then fled the scene are completely false, according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay is adamant that she absolutely didn't hit anyone while she was driving. Lindsay is extremely upset that there would be speculation she would ditch the scene of a potential crime scene," a source says.

"She is days away from being taken off formal probation. Would it make sense for Lindsay to flee the scene with tons of paparazzi? No, she wouldn't have done that if there was a remote possibility she had hit someone."

Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Twitter

@debimazar
Any bklyn realtors on twitter?

@SandraBernhard
i was just told to follow @sandrabernhard1 who isn't me but not doing a bad impression.

@joelmchale
My kid is invoking Force Field way too much these days.

@ConanOBrien
Can someone please recommend a good Del Taco? I'm getting bored with my local one..

Is Russell full of rage?

New Orleans police have issued a warrant for Russell Brand in connection to an earlier incident during which Brand reportedly hurled a paparazzo's iPhone into an office window, according to TMZ.

The warrant is for simple criminal damage to property, a misdemeanor. The website previously reported that immediately following the incident Monday, reps for Brand contacted the law office involved and said Brand would pay for the damage to the window.

And while Brand has made no official comment on the incident, he did make light of it on Twitter, posting, "Since Steve Jobs died I cannot bear to see anyone use an iPhone irreverently, what I did was a tribute to his memory."

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Fun Facts

Get to know St. Patrick

- St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was not Irish but Welsh. When he was about 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave. After escaping, he went home and entered the church but returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop.
- St. Patrick's Day is observed March 17 because it is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461 AD.
- The phrase "drowning the shamrock" is from a custom of floating a shamrock on top of whiskey before drinking it.
- About 10 per cent of Canadians, or more than three million people, are of Irish descent. The population of Ireland is 4.1 million.

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On the Web

Toast 'auld sod' this St. Patrick's Day with beer- or whiskey-based cocktails.

Liquid Assets

A strong tradition of Irish sippers

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For such a wee piece of geography, Ireland certainly holds its own when it comes to the creation of classic booze. Think Bailey's Irish Cream liqueur, Jameson Irish whisky and, the true liquid personality of Ireland, Guinness Stout.

Of course, there are other Irish beverages on the shelves at your liquor store that deserve equal attention — especially with tomorrow being Saint Patrick's Day.

When I was on the Emerald Isle a few years ago, I got a chance to head to Northern Ireland and visit The Old Bushmills Distillery: a producer of wonderful triple distilled whiskies since 1608 (which makes it the world's oldest licensed spirit maker).

Every drop that goes by the name Bushmills is created there and the handmade attention to detail comes across in every filled glass — one of which you get to choose at the end of the tour.

My pick was the Bushmills 10 Year Old Single Malt Irish Whiskey ($39.95 - $48.99). Made with 100 per cent malted barley and aged in barrels that once housed American bourbon, it's a rich, complex whiskey with warm honey overtones and a long, palate-massaging finish. Sláinte.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

This recipe makes six servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A meal that would make St. Paddy proud

Dublin Coddle. Try this healthier version of the one-dish meal considered to be one of Ireland's most delicious national dishes

Traditionally made with both bacon and sausage to flavour a base of potatoes and onions, Dublin coddle is an insanely good one-dish meal. And it would be a great choice for St. Patrick's Day. Assuming, that is, it can be worked into a healthy diet.

Start by opting for leaner meats that still pack tons of flavour, including Canadian bacon, which actually is closer than American bacon to rashers, the variety of pork used in Irish cooking.

Canadian bacon and Irish rashers are made from the back loin of the pig rather than the fattier pork belly used for American-style bacon.

For the sausage, switch to chicken sausage, which is high in flavour, and generally has far less fat and calories than traditional sausage.

The herbs and seasonings already serve the meal well, so don't mess around with those. But add a few extra vegetable because, hey, we could all use a few extra servings of those.

And for a final punch of flavour, add apples and apple cider.

1 In a large Dutch oven over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the Canadian bacon and sauté until lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to a small bowl.

2 Add the sausage to the pan and brown the slices on both sides, about 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the sausage to the bowl of bacon. Add the onions and garlic to the pan, then sauté for 7 to 8 minutes, or until they begin to brown. Stir in the sage, thyme and parsley.

3 Add the russet and sweet potatoes, carrots, apples and reserved meat. Pour the apple cider and chicken stock over everything. Cover and set over medium-low heat. Cook until the vegetables and potatoes are very tender, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Season with salt and pepper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) canola oil
- 3/4 cup (6 oz) Canadian bacon, chopped
- 1 1/4 cups (10 oz) chicken sausages, sliced into 2.5 cm (1-inch)-thick diagonal slices
- 2 large yellow onions, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) each chopped fresh sage and thyme
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped parsley
- 2 large russet potatoes, cut into thick slices
- 1 large sweet potato, cut into thick slices
- 2 carrots and 2 apples, cut into 2.5 cm (1-inch) chunks
- 250 ml (1 cup) apple cider
- 250 ml (1 cup) chicken stock
- Salt and black pepper

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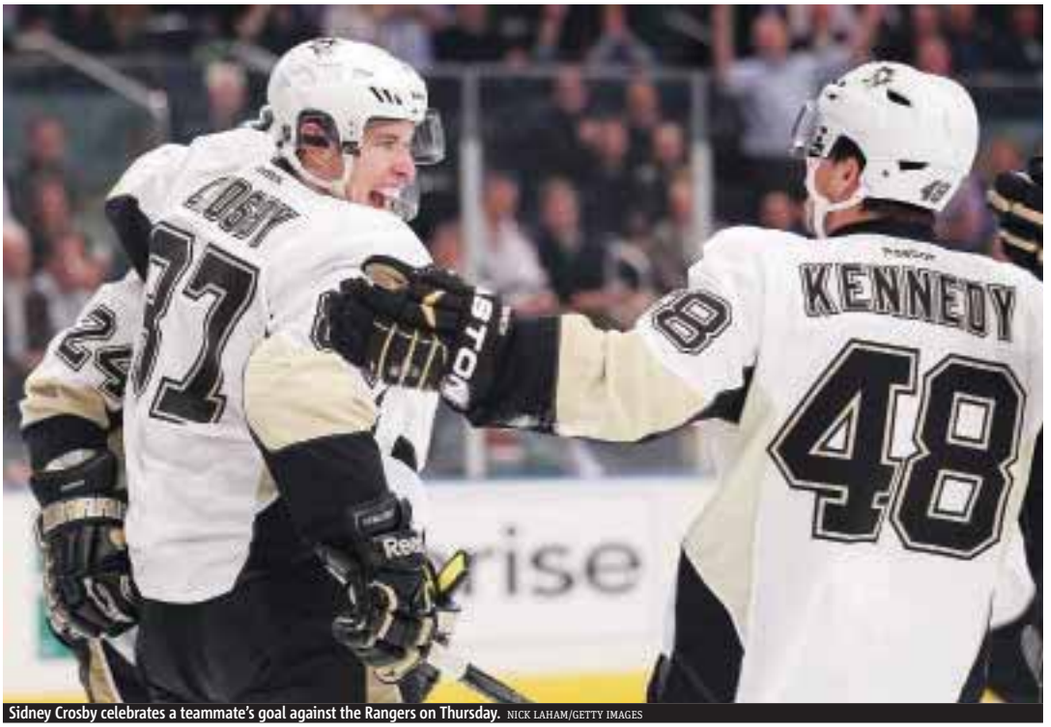
With Crosby back in action, Penguins keep on rolling

NHL. Pittsburgh captain has assist in his first game back, as team beats Rangers



Sidney Crosby celebrates a teammate's goal against the Rangers on Thursday. NICK LAHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Sidney Crosby's return after three months of inactivity didn't hurt the chemistry of the Pittsburgh Penguins one bit as they surged closer to the Eastern Conference-leading New York Rangers.

Crosby played for the first time since another bout with concussion symptoms forced him to the sidelines Dec. 5. He got on the score sheet Thursday night with an assist as the Penguins stretched their winning streak to 10 by beating the Rangers 5-2.

It marked the first time this season New York allowed five goals.

Now the Penguins trail the Rangers by just four points in the races for the East and the Atlantic Division, and Pittsburgh has 13 games left — to only 12 for New York - to chase them down.

After missing 40 games during his latest stint on the shelf, Crosby played on a third line with Matt Cooke and Tyler Kennedy. Cooke scored twice, Kennedy had two assists and NHL points leader Evgeni Malkin added a goal for the Penguins, who haven't lost since Feb. 19 at Buffalo. Pittsburgh's winning streak started two days later with a 2-0 home victory against the Rangers.

Crosby assisted on Chris Kunitz's goal that made it 4-2 at 3:01 of the third period, shortly after the Rangers had killed a four-minute, high-sticking penalty on Stu Bickel. Crosby swung behind the New York net and found Kunitz in the left circle for a shot that beat Martin Biron.

Pascal Dupuis pushed the Penguins' lead to 5-2 at 7:35. Crosby didn't figure in the scoring on that one, as Dupuis put in a rebound of defenceman Paul Martin's shot, but he was on the ice for three of Pittsburgh's goals.

Cooke gave the Penguins a 1-0 lead just 2:54 in, and Malkin and Cooke connected 1:22 apart in the second period to stretch the advantage to 3-1.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 29 saves to earn his ninth win during the Penguins' streak.

Carl Hagelin got the Rangers even at 1-1 in the first period, and Marian Gaborik brought New York within 3-2 late in the second with his 35th goal. Brad Richards had two assists, and Gaborik and Hagelin both had one for the potent line that has scored the team's last seven goals over three games.

Biron stopped 27 shots, but the Rangers lost for the fourth time in five games.

As the Penguins are getting healthy, the Rangers are still missing key cogs from their lineup. Biron was forced to start his second straight game in place of Henrik Lundqvist, New York's No. 1 goalie who is still feeling the effects of the flu. The Rangers were also without forward Ryan Callahan (bruised foot), who sat out for the sixth time in nine games, and defenceman Michael Del Zotto (hip), who has missed five of eight.

The Penguins not only got Crosby back on Thursday but also defenceman Kris Letang, who was dealing with concussion issues as well. Letang had missed the previous five games, and had been sidelined for 21 earlier this season.

Crosby, who had two goals and eight assists in eight games this season before Thursday, heard a mixture of cheers and boos when he hit the ice during pre-game warmups. The reaction turned more to boos as the game went along when Crosby had the puck.

Crosby made his season debut on Nov. 21 against the New York Islanders, his first game action since January 2011, and had two goals and two assists in that 5-0 home win. He lasted only seven more games before being shut down again.

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma is looking to limit Crosby's ice time to about 15 minutes as he gets back into the swing of things, placing him on the third line and on the point for power plays. Crosby is expected to play in each of Pittsburgh's remaining games — including two this weekend at New Jersey and Philadelphia to complete a stretch of three games in four days against divisional foes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Jets preview

Washington at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. (TSN-Jets)

The Jets (33-29-8) host Washington (36-28-6), which has won four straight to stay within a point of the Southeast Division lead. Alex Ovechkin scored twice and added a shootout goal in a 5-4 win over the Islanders on Tuesday. Ovechkin has 29 goals on the season and three in the last four games. Mike Green will return to the Capitals' lineup after serving a three-game suspension. Green has yet to record a point in 10 games since recovering from a groin injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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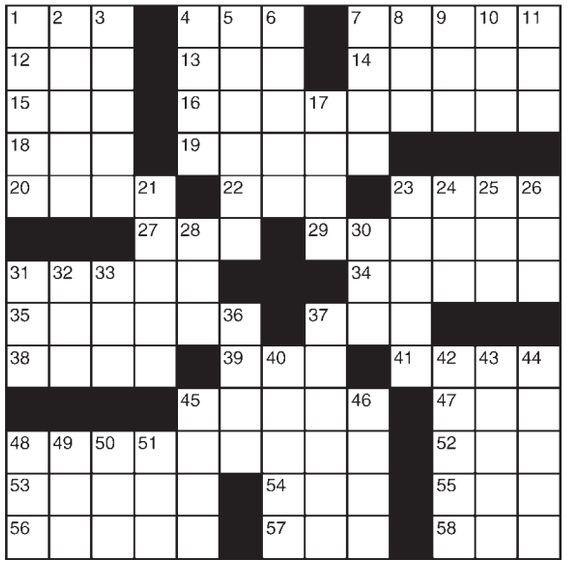

Across
1 Reggae relative
4 Toss in
7 Heathen
12 Fix a skirt, maybe
13 Whopper
14 Battery terminal
15 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
16 Large Asian 18-Across
18 Rodent
19 Beelike
20 Sacred bird of Egypt
22 Flightless bird
23 Jason's craft
27 Listener
29 Potas-sium provider
31 Oust
34 Computer fodder
35 Small chicken
37 Support system?
38 Tourna-ment situations
39 Cinnabar, e.g.
41 Note from the boss
45 Fuss
47 "To be or — ..."
48 Handrail (Var.)
52 Drunkard
53 Foreigner
54 Superla-tive suffix
55 Work with
56 Under a jinx
57 Pigpen
58 Always, in verse

Down
1 Puppeteer Lewis
2 Skewered entree
3 Ritzy fiddle
4 Actress Jessica
5 Baby's garment
6 Jeans material
7 Ache
8 Mandela's org.
9 Sticky stuff
10 Commo-tion
11 Profit
17 Smear
21 Denomi-nations
23 Part of Vietnam
24 Knock
25 Wilde-beest
26 Feedbag tidbit
28 — glance
30 Melody
31 Recede
32 Funny Leno
33 Away from WSW
36 Cattle calls?
37 Command
40 Memory methods
42 Follow
43 Bull-winkle, e.g.
44 Playful water critter
45 Hart's mate
46 Bohemian
48 Scrooge's cry
49 Hearty quaff
50 Kibosh
51 Born

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Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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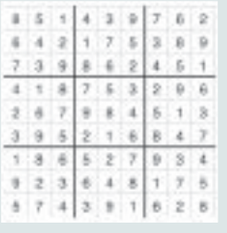

Send a kiss

- **C>P>.** dear Goddess you are my only love and I will not live without you. You are the one I see in my dreams day and night. I cannot live without you. Please come find me before I totally lose my mind. Please goddess let us be together forever. I love you forever and ill be here looking for you forever ... hugs : kisses tickles :((From miserably lost love
- **Mirrorman.** I missed you. Please oh please copy everything i write. Please pretty please copy everything in sight. Clone me baby i want to have copycat kids with you mirrorman. Please sleep with me so we can copy the world. Please copy this my mirrorman lover From Copycat
- **My Hero Lady.** The day we broke up my heart shattered. It was a rough time getting it pieced together again but we should cheer more for that period we loved each other so much! It's never fully gotten there. I loved you and missed you. One day you have to show up!

Weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Do something different today, something that disrupts your normal routine. It's time to shake things up.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Even if you're successful, there's always something better you can aim for. The planets urge you to raise your sights, redouble your efforts.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may have to shout if you want to be heard today, but you must not allow yourself to get emotional, especially at work.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Do the right thing today. Act on principle even if it means you lose out financially. It will balance out.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. According to the planets, you will be dealing with some very important people over the next few days.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You need to narrow your focus a bit. You need to hone in on what is truly important. Cut out what wastes time.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Do you stick with what you know and trust or do you risk everything and attempt something new and exciting? Only you can decide.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Think carefully before you decide to end a relationship of some kind. Is the situation really so serious that you can't patch things up?

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. The pace of life will increase dramatically over the next few days. Are you ready? Get help if need be.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Your main task today is to cut out of your life a project or pursuit that no longer motivates you.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Some of the people you meet today will be rather aggressive and you need to make sure that you don't get aggressive in return.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Someone's been a bit critical of your performance, but if you think about what they have said, you will have to admit they are right. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Bonnie

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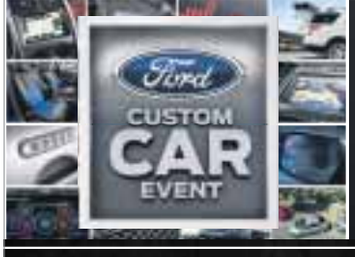

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